AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs at page 7, line 23, through page 8, line 2, as follows:

Though the embodiment has been described in conjunction with the 16-APSK, the invention is applicable to any more-than-7-signal-point modulation scheme. Examples are presented for 2^m-QAM (quadrature amplitude modulation) ~~(m≤3)~~ (m ≥ 3), 16-QAM, 8-PSK (phase shift keying) and QPSK (quadrature phase shift keying) in the following.

FIGs. 5 through 8 are signal constellations for 2^m-QAM ~~(m≤3)~~ (m ≥ 3), 16-QAM, 8-PSK and QPSK according to the principles of the invention.